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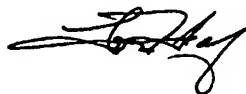
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Examiner Initials	Item	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate
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	E	Scan Coin AB, "Scan Coin 4000 Value Sorter" and product photos, on sale in the U.S. prior to September 2001					
	F	Scan Coin 4000 Value Sorter, Operator's Instruction Manual, published before September 2001					
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